



## MINUTES

### CMAQ Project Selection Committee

Thursday, June 25, 2015 2:00 p.m.  
CMAP Offices

<b>Committee Members</b>	Ross Patronsky, Chair (CMAQ), Darwin Burkhart (IEPA), Mark Pitstick (RTA), Luann Hamilton (CDOT), William Rodeghier (Council of Mayors), Chris Schmidt (IDOT), Chris Snyder (Counties)
<b>Staff Present:</b>	Patricia Berry, Kama Dobbs, Jesse Elam, Doug Ferguson, Tom Kotarac, Jen Maddux, Martin Menninger, Holly Ostidick, Russell Pietrowiak
<b>Others Present:</b>	Frank Acevedo, Reggie Arkell, Jennifer Becker, Len Cannata (via phone) Bruce Carmitchel, Bruce Christensen, Michael Connelly, John Donovan, Peter Fahrenwald, Tony Greep, Laura Fedak, Terry Heffron, Jan Hincapie, Janell Jensen, Michael Leslie, Tony Maietta, Derek Peebles, Brian Pigeon, Keith Privett, Pam Sielski, Brian Stepp, David Tomzik, , Mike Walczak, Tammy Wierciak (via phone) Michael Weiser, Brian Wesolowski, Barbara Zubek

#### 1.0 Call to Order

Committee Chairman Patronsky called the meeting to order at 2:02 p.m.

#### 2.0 Agenda Changes and Announcements

Chairman Patronsky announced that item 5.16, a scope change request, was added to the agenda. Handouts for the item were distributed at members' places. Ms. Berry announced that Mr. Rogers, the longtime representative of IEPA on the CMAQ PSC, has retired and Mr. Burkhart is replacing him on the committee. The committee thanked Mr. Rogers for his service and welcomed Mr. Burkhart.

#### 3.0 Approval of Minutes – March 25, 2015

On a motion by Ms. Hamilton and a second by Mr. Pitstick, the minutes of the March 25, 2015 meeting were approved as presented.

#### 4.0 Program Monitoring

#### **4.1 Programming Project Status Sheets**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the recurring reports on the programming status of active and deferred line items were included in the meeting packet. She stated that they include changes since the last meeting of the Project Selection Committee, updated authorizations, and updated project notes based on the May status updates.

#### **4.2 Transit Expenditures Quarterly Update**

Mr. Pietrowiak reported that as of the end of March, there are 40 transit projects that have been obligated and are not yet closed out. Of those 40, seven are complete and are anticipated to be closed out and should not have any additional expenditure. Nine of the 40 projects are obligated but have yet to expend any CMAQ funds. Of the 40 projects, 41.97% of the federal dollars associated have been expended.

#### **4.3 Obligation Goal**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the Programming Summary and Obligation Goals table shows that through June 8, 2015 the region has already authorized \$92 million, which is 57% of the FFY 2015 obligation goal. Based on current letting and authorization targets, the region is on track to meet the obligation goal. However, some transit project sponsors have indicated that due to the length of time it takes to complete FTA transfers, some anticipated obligations may roll over to next year.

#### **4.4 May Status Updates**

Ms. Ostlick thanked committee members, their staff, and the regional planning liaisons for their help collecting the May status updates. She stated that there was nearly a 100% response rate. Information on 258 line items from 140 projects was requested. Those line items were active or deferred in fiscal years 2015, 2016, and 2017 and represented \$418 million in CMAQ funds. Forty nine of the line items, totaling over \$106 million, were active and programmed in 2015. There were 60 out year line items that total over \$168 million and 118 deferred line items representing \$111 million. The updates resulted in thirteen line items being re-programmed or deferred, which will be discussed under the project changes agenda item. She completed her presentation by stating that staff will work to add the information collected to the CMAQ database over the coming months.

### **5.0 Project Changes**

Ms. Dobbs reported that fifteen projects have submitted scope, cost, and schedule change requests for committee consideration. In addition, there are thirteen changes due to the May status updates included in the cost change summary table. She stated that prior to the status updates and changes being considered today, the available funding in FFY 2015 was just over \$1.5 million and in FFY 2016 was \$10.6 million. She summarized the changes based on status updates and reported that after these changes, the available funding in FFY 2015 increased to just over \$13 million and in FFY 2016 to \$17.7 million. Available funds in FFY 2017 were reduced to \$12.6 million. The net change in the five year program is a reduction in the total amount programmed of \$5.2 million due to deferrals. She continued by stating that of the fifteen requested changes submitted by sponsors, eleven impact funding in the current five years, with total increases of \$2.76 million in FFY 2015, \$225,000 in FFY 2016 and a reduction of \$528,000 in FFY 2018. The other 3 requests impact past year authorizations. Mr. Pitstick thanked Ms. Dobbs for the format of the memo and the information it relays.

**5.1 Lake County – Washington St. Bike Path (TIP ID 10-10-0002)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting to transfer unused balances of \$64,000 federal CMAQ (\$80,000 total) from phase 1 and 2 engineering, and a cost increase of \$12,000 federal CMAQ (\$15,000 total) for Construction in FFY 2015 due to higher than estimated bids. The project was let on April 24, 2015. Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, to approve the requested cost increase. The motion carried.

**5.2 Naperville - Washington St Corridor Centralized Traffic Management System (TIP ID 08-13-0015)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to move \$127,000 federal CMAQ (\$1,050,000 total) from FFY 16 to FFY 15 because the project is on schedule for the September 18, 2015 letting. Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the requested schedule change. The motion carried.

**5.3 Lincolnwood - Union Pacific (UP) Rail Line/Weber Spur Bike/Multiuse Trail (TIP ID 02-10-0001)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting reinstatement of an additional \$2,384,000 federal CMAQ (\$2,980,000 total) for ROW in FFY 2014. ROW was originally programmed for \$4,800,000 federal CMAQ (\$6,000,000 total) and was deferred in 2013. \$1,600,000 federal CMAQ (\$2,000,000 total) was reinstated in December 2014, with the balance remaining deferred. The reinstated funds were authorized so that negotiations could begin. The most recent offer from the Union Pacific Railroad exceeds the authorized funding. In response to a question from Mr. Pitstick, Ms. Dobbs clarified that authorization means federal authorization, not the programmed funding. Mr. Pitstick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, to approve the requested reinstatement. The motion carried.

**5.4 Batavia - Pedestrian Crossings at Various (8) Locations along IL 31 and IL 25 (TIP ID 09-12-0005)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting a scope change to remove one of the eight intersections from the project due to public opposition that arose after the start of construction. As a result of the scope change, the sponsor will be releasing \$63,300 federal CMAQ (\$79,200 total) programmed in FFY 2014. President Rodeghier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, to approve the requested scope change and reduced cost. The motion carried.

**5.5 IDOT – IL 59 at IL 38 N. and S. Ramps (TIP ID 08-12-0013)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$176,000 federal CMAQ (\$220,000 total) for construction in FFY 2015 due to final design estimates and current bid tab pricing. The project is targeting the September state letting. Mr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the requested cost increase. The motion carried.

**5.6 IDOT – IL 62 at Barrington Rd. (TIP ID 03-12-0003)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$240,000 federal CMAQ (\$300,000 total) for construction in FFY 2015 due to final design estimates and current bid tab pricing. The project is targeting the July state letting. Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the requested cost increase. The motion carried.

**5.7 IDOT – IL 68 at N. Wilke and at Kennicott (TIP ID 03-12-0008)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$438,000 federal CMAQ (\$547,000 total) for construction in FFY 2015 due to final design estimates and current bid tab pricing. The project is targeting the September state letting. Mr. Snyder noted that current bid tab pricing has been mentioned frequently and wondered what the factors are, how many more increases could be expected, and if the committee should adjust other project costs now, wait for increase requests, or add some kind of factor in programming. Mr. Patronsky stated that how much, if any, funding should be set aside for cost increases when considering the FFY 2016-2020 mark could be discussed under item 6.0. Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the requested cost increase. The motion carried.

**5.8 IDOT – IL 68 at IL 83 and at McHenry/Wheeling Roads (TIP ID 03-12-0014)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that this project involves two locations which were previously combined into one TIP ID and programmed in FFY 2015. They will be let separately in different federal fiscal years. The sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$120,000 federal CMAQ (\$150,000 total) for Construction at McHenry/Wheeling Rds. in FFY 2015 for the September state letting. The sponsor is also requesting a cost increase of \$224,000 federal CMAQ (\$280,000 total) and reprogramming of \$800,000 federal CMAQ (\$1,000,000 total) in FFY 2016 for the IL 83 location, which is targeting the January 2016 state letting. In response to a question from Mr. Snyder, Mr. Heffron confirmed the two locations would not be let at the same time but would use the same TIP ID. Mr. Snyder made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, to approve the requested schedule and cost changes. The motion carried.

**5.9 IDOT – IL 120 Belvidere Rd. at Hainesville Rd (TIP ID 10-14-0004)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that IDOT is requesting to transfer sponsorship to Lake County for the construction phase only; IDOT will complete right of way acquisition. Lake County is willing to accept sponsorship, and if approved, is requesting to reschedule \$528,000 federal CMAQ (\$660,000 total) from FFY 2018 to FFY 2016 to accommodate coordination with the Lake County signal interconnect project on IL 120 (TIP ID10-14-0008). Mr. Pitstick made a motion, seconded by Mr. Snyder, to approve the requested sponsor and schedule change. The motion carried.

**5.10 Melrose Park – North Ave. Commuter Bicycle Path (TIP ID 04-08-0001)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting reinstatement of \$1,320,000 federal CMAQ (\$1,650,000 total) deferred Construction funds in FFY 2015 and a cost increase of \$220,000 federal CMAQ (\$275,000 total). Pre-final plans were submitted

in March and the project is targeting the September state letting. Mr. Schmidt made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the requested reinstatement and cost increase. The motion carried.

**5.11 IDOT - Cumberland Circle Improvement at Golf Rd/State St/Wolf Rd/Broadway St (TIP ID 03-14-0004)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram \$80,000 federal CMAQ (\$100,000 total) for ROW from FFY 2016 to FFY 2015.

Authorization of federal funds is expected in August 2015. Mr. Pitstick made a motion, seconded by Ms. Hamilton, to approve the requested schedule change. The motion carried.

**5.12 IDOT - IL 68/Dundee Rd at Landwehr Rd and Pffingsten Rd (TIP ID 02-12-0001)**

The sponsor is requesting a schedule change to reprogram \$1,120,000 federal CMAQ (\$1,400,000 total) for Construction from FFY 2016 to FFY 2015. ROW was authorized in November of 2014. The project is targeting the September state letting. Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Pitstick, to approve the requested schedule change. The motion carried.

**5.13 McHenry County Conservation District (TIP ID 11-96-0007)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting to transfer \$200,000 federal CMAQ (\$250,000 total) from construction in FFY 2015 to ENG2 in FFY 2015, to increase the total project cost from \$1,373,000 to \$3,599,000, and to defer the balance of \$219,000 federal CMAQ (\$2,500,000 total) for construction, which sunsets in FFY 2015, to FFY 2017. No additional CMAQ funds are being requested at this time. In response to a question from Mr. Pitstick she clarified that the deferred construction funds would be moved to MYB in the TIP, and would show a current year of FFY 2017 in the deferred line items report. Ms. Dobbs added that the increased total cost is due primarily to a rail crossing and that the sponsor will be exploring other funding options, such as ICC funds, to supplement the deferred CMAQ funding. Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to approve the requested transfer, and to concur with the increased total cost and deferral of the balance of construction funds. The motion carried.

**5.14 Des Plaines – Central Rd from Wolf Rd to East Reive Rd (TIP ID 03-08-0002)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that the sponsor is requesting a cost increase of \$288,600 federal CMAQ (\$360,800 total) for construction in FFY 2009. President Rodeghier made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, to approve the requested cost increase. The motion carried.

**5.15 Administrative Modifications**

Ms. Dobbs reported that three administrative modifications were conducted since the committee's last meeting.

**5.16 Forest Preserve District of Cook County – North Branch Trail Extension (TIP ID 01-08-0001)**

Ms. Dobbs reported that this project has been let for bid twice, with the first attempt receiving no responses and the second attempt exceeding the cost estimate. Therefore, the sponsor is requesting a scope change to reduce the limits of the project so that the project can be re-let with the reduced scope. The sponsor will seek funding for the remaining portion of the trail in the future. Ms. Hamilton made a motion, seconded by Mr. Schmidt, to approve the requested scope change. The motion carried.

#### **6.0 FFY 2016-2020 CMAQ/FFY 2015-2016 TAP Program Development**

Mr. Elam presented the staff recommended CMAQ program stating that projects were listed in order of the cost-effectiveness of their emission reductions. The staff recommendation also takes into account transportation impact criteria and regional priorities. He stated that during this call for projects seven applicants requested preliminary engineering funding due to hardship. These projects were evaluated based on the costs and benefits of the complete project, not just the cost of preliminary engineering. Two of these projects were included in the proposed program for preliminary engineering only due to their benefits. Mr. Elam stated the proposed program includes \$274 million in CMAQ funds. He also noted that projects being recommended for TAP funding were indicated in the handout and would be considered by the Transportation Committee on July 17, 2015. He explained that the staff recommendations are based on the Composite Priority Index and the handout includes notes that document reasons for not recommending higher ranked projects for CMAQ funding. More detailed scoring was provided in spreadsheets posted on the Program Development web page for the focus groups. He concluded by stating that staff is looking for any suggested changes and a recommendation to the Transportation Committee to release the proposed program for public comment on July 17, 2015. Mr. Patronsky requested comments from each committee member.

President Rodeghier stated he had no comments at this time.

Mr. Schmidt noted that the process for developing the approach to programming this cycle was interesting, and a little heated at times. He added that he appreciated staff working with members to address concerns throughout the process and appreciated the spreadsheets being available. He stated that it would be difficult for IDOT to argue with the proposed program.

Mr. Snyder asked for clarification of the project rankings, stating that Mr. Elam said that projects were ranked based on composite score, but the list appears to be ranked by air quality benefit. Mr. Elam explained that, as requested by the committee, the projects were presented in the spreadsheet in order of air quality benefit. The composite score was used on a qualitative basis by staff to make funding recommendations. Mr. Snyder stated that notes for one of the Elgin O'Hare projects implies that FHWA has determined the project is not eligible for CMAQ funding, and that determination has not been made. Mr. Elam apologized, stated that the comment will be removed and noted that the county made some adjustments to the project to make it more in line with CMAQ guidance. Mr. Snyder also observed that major capital projects included in the fiscally constrained GO TO 2040 update did not fare well in this evaluation and that is an indication of the difficulty of strict use of performance measures in programming. Mr. Snyder asked, and

Mr. Elam confirmed, that projects with a "recommended for TAP funding note" would make up the proposed TAP program presented to the Transportation Committee for consideration. Lastly, Mr. Snyder asked who or what defined the "funding cut line" referred to in the notes. Mr. Elam explained that staff re-ordered the list of projects by composite priority index, skipped those with noted issues, and moved down the list in order until available funds were exhausted.

Ms. Hamilton stated that CDOT is comfortable and satisfied with the outcome, particularly the Red/Purple Line Modernization. She asked why the IEPA Partners for Clean Air project was not included in the recommended program. It is a long-term project that has received funding in many past programming cycles. She asked if there was any way to consider adding the project to the recommended program. Mr. Elam stated that CMAP is working with IEPA to evaluate the project, but in CMAP's opinion the information provided with the request for funding was not enough to evaluate the project. Mr. Burkhart stated that IEPA has been having productive conversations with CMAP. Mr. Elam stated that with additional information provided by the IEPA the project is estimated to equate to a cost of approximately \$500 per kilogram VOC eliminated, which is competitive. Mr. Privett noted that representing the project, which is still being evaluated, as having zero benefit is inaccurate, and requested that when the proposed program is forwarded to the Transportation Committee, the scores should be changed to "TBD". Discussion regarding the merits of the project continued, with Mr. Patronsky suggesting that IEPA continue to work with staff to determine a ranking that can be considered through the public comment period. Mr. Privett also suggested that projects such as those in the "Other" category, which cannot be scored, should have "N/A" for a score, instead of zero. Mr. Elam agreed and stated that if the evaluation of the partners for clean air project is completed before release for public comment that information will be included in the document. In response to a question from Mr. Privett, Mr. Elam stated that more specific information regarding phases and programming is available in the spreadsheets posted on the Program Development web page.

Mr. Tomzik expressed disagreement with notes for Pace's vanpools project and stated that vanpools are considered an operational element of the pilot Travel Demand Management program that was under development by IDOT. He added that the Advantage program may not reduce SOV trips, but it a program exclusively for work and vocational training trips.

Mr. Elam stated that the proposed program to be forwarded to the Transportation Committee would include the suggested use of "TBD" and "N/A", and the note regarding FHWA comments on project eligibility would be corrected. Mr. Pitstick made a motion, seconded by President Rodeghier, to recommend that the Transportation Committee release the proposed program, with the changes noted, for public comment. The motion carried.

## **7.0 MAP-21**

Mr. Patronsky stated, and Mr. Donovan, Mr. Greep, and Mr. Arkell verified, that no new information pertaining to the CMAQ program has been issued. Mr. Donovan noted that congressional discussions of an extension or long-term replacement for MAP-21 are ongoing. Three or four processes for rule-making are going on now, with some expected to be released in July and others in September.

**8.0 Other Business**

None.

**9.0 Public Comment**

None.

**10.0 Next Meeting**

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2015 at 2:00 p.m.

**11.0 Adjournment**

On a motion by Mr. Schmidt, and a second by President Rodeghier, the meeting adjourned at 3:16 p.m.